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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-7 are amended. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 12(e) over Howard et al. (hereinafter "Howard"), U.S. Patent No, 6,954,850. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, a detector which is connected with the electric home appliance, configured to be attached on a display surface of the display device to read the data displayed thereon and apply the data to the electric home appliance. Howard does not disclose or suggest such features or the claimed combination of independent claim 1.

That is, the Examiner refers to elements 20 and 62 of Figure 2 and col. 5, lines 18-25 of Howard as disclosing the claimed detector. However, as indicated in col. 5, lines 7-24 of Howard, element 20 is a communications adapter which includes an adaptor communication model 58 that represents the computer program routines or instructions that handle the communications over the communications port 26. Element 60 is a communications model which includes the computer programs routines or instructions that handle the communications

over the communications network 20. Element 62 is a device interface main which includes computer program routines or instructions that receive data and/or send data to the controller 32 via the communication network 30. None of these elements constitute a detector configured to be attached on the display surface of a display device to read the data displayed thereon and apply the data to an electronic home appliance.

Accordingly, the rejection of independent claim 1 over Howard should be withdrawn. Dependent claim 2 is allowable over Howard at least for the reason discussed above with respect to independent claim 1, from which it depends, as well as for its added features.

The Office Action rejected claims 3-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Howard in view of Tanaka et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,907,317. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Dependent claims 3-7 are allowable over Howard at least for the reason discussed above with respect to independent claim 1, from which they depend, as well as for their added features. Tanaka fails to overcome the deficiencies of Howard, as Tanaka is merely cited for teaching a method that displays input data and color on a colored display device and a detector reading the data displayed on the display device as colors. Accordingly, the rejection of dependent claims 3-6 over Howard and Tanaka should be withdrawn.

Independent claim 7 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, a detector configured to be attached on a display surface of the display device of the computer system and which is connected with the communication port of the electronic home appliance by cable, wherein the

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detector reads the black and white data displayed on the displayed surface of the display device and applies the data to the electronic home appliance. As set forth above, Howard does not disclose or suggest such features. Further, Howard does not disclose or suggest the claimed combination of independent claim 7. Tanaka fails to overcome the deficiencies of Howard, which is merely cited for teaching that the data is displayed on the display device as black and white. Accordingly, the rejection of independent claim 7 over Howard and Tanaka should be withdrawn. Dependent claim 8 is allowable over Howard and Tanaka at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 7, from which it depends, as well as for its added features.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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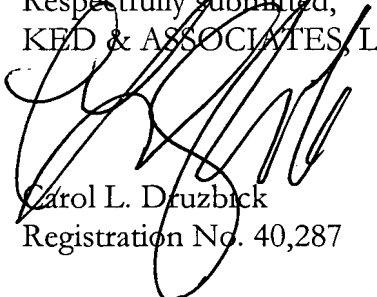
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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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